

As the co-owner and General Manager of a small market radio company, I urge the F.C.C. to consider the extreme ramifications it would have on someone like us if we are required to record most all our programming. We don't have the equipment to do that...we don't have storage available if we did it...we can't afford to hire anyone to do it...we honestly don't know how we would be able to financially comply with the proposed recordings. Would you require us to record the two church services we broadcast...or the hymns we broadcast several times a day...or the obituaries we read on local news in the morning and late afternoon? How about our farm programming? Do we record and keep the markets reports? Our AM station has been here for over sixty years, and we believe there has never been a complaint to the FCC about anything broadcast on it (WLDS). Likewise for our FM station, although it has not been around as long. I have a suggestion. How about applying your proposed recording requirements to any stations found to be in violation of the FCC obscenity rules? And for the rest of us who NEVER violate such standards, leave us alone and let us do our job of serving our communities.

Please use some common sense on this. Most of us do not broadcast Howard Stern material. We are simply law-abiding, tax-paying citizens who are trying to do the best job possible for our listeners!

Thank you for your consideration.

-----Jerry Symons, VP/General Manager